(c) if so, the details thereof for 2007-08, and the following two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The number of post offices housed in rented buildings in Karnataka is 1313 in the year 2006-07 and the annual rent paid in the year 2006-07 is Rs. 6.55 crores.

(b) Yes, Sir. There are schemes under Plan Head to provide funds for purchase of land and construction of post office buildings. In the year 2006-07 an amount of Rs. 1.09 lakhs was spent towards purchase of land in Karnataka. For construction of post office buildings an amount of Rs. 75.18 lakhs was spent in Karnataka during 2006-07.

(c) No funds for purchase of land has been allocated for the year 2007-08 as the Eleventh Five Year Plan proposal has not been approved as yet. However, an amount of Rs. 61.22 lakhs has been allotted for 2007-08 to Karnataka to complete construction of ongoing post office projects of Tenth Five Year Plan.

As regards information in respect of following two years is concerned, there is no proposal in view of pending approval of Eleventh Five Year Plan proposal.

Unsolicited telemarketing calls

1239. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether banks, mobile phone companies and other organizations make unwanted phone calls to mobile phone users to market their products and services;

(b) whether Government have formulated any guidelines to stop these unsolicited telemarketing calls to mobile phone users; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. A number of complaints regarding the receipt of Unwanted Commercial Calls from banks, credit card companies etc. have been received by the Government.

(b) and (c) On 5th June 2007, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has issued a Regulation on "The Telecom Unsolicited Commercial Communications Regulations, 2007" for putting in place a mechanism called "National Do Not Call Registry (NDNC)" for curbing the unwanted telemarketing calls. On 6th June 2007, Department of Telecommunications has issued guidelines for registration of telemarketers.

Regulations for net-telephony

1240. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intend to bring some regulations for the net-telephony; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?